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SUBJECT:GDR PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON

1. ATTORNEY RETAINED BY GDR (HARRISON) TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER MAY 8 THAT D.C. ZONING COMMISSION WAS PREPARED ENTERTAIN GDR APPLICATION FOR USE OF FIRENZE ESTATE. HARRISON CONSIDERS THIS AN IMPORTANT VICTORY, AS COMMISSION HAS CONSIDERED OTHER PARCELS OF LAND IN DISTRICT AS UNSUITED FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT. DEPARTMENT OFFICER POINTED OUT TO HARRISON THAT FACT COMMISSION WILL ACCEPT APPLICATION IS MERELY FIRST STEP AND BY NO MEANS GUARANTEES COMMISSION APPROVAL, NOR DOES IT ASSURE THAT CITIZENS GROUP WILL NOT INITIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO BLOCK PLAN.

2. HARRISON ASKED DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ABOUT WHETHER PRIOR TO VISIT OF GDR ADMIN TEAM TO WASHINGTON HE SHOULD PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION TO GDR UN MISSION OFFICER (HUCKE) OR EVEN TRAVEL TO EAST BERLIN HIMSELF. DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID CONTACT WITH HUCKE IN NEW YORK SEEMED MORE SECRET

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APPROPRIATE APPROACH AND SUGGESTED HARRISON DO NOTHING

THAT WOULD DISCOURAGE GDR TEAM FROM COMING TO WASHINGTON
NEXT WEEK.

3. FOR USBER. WHEN GDR REPS APPLY FOR VISAS OR AT OTHER
CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY MISSION OFFICER SHOULD NOTE THAT
DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ARRIVAL OF GDR ADMIN
TEAM IN WASHINGTON. MISSION MIGHT ADD THAT THERE HAVE
BEEN SOME NEW ZONING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND GDR'S
LAWYER IS CONVEYING TO GDR UN MISSION, BUT THAT WE SEE
UTILITY IN HAVING EAST GERMAN TEAM INVESTIGATE MATTER AND
DISCUSS ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS ON THE SPOT IN WASHINGTON. RUSH

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